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acceptable up to a specified limit that covers the anticipated costs. Collection of fees may not be made in advance unless the requester has failed to pay previously assessed fees within 30 calendar days from the date of the billing by the DoD Component, or the Component has determined that the fee will be in excess of \$250 (see § 518.81).

§ 518.90 Search time.

(a) Manual search.

| Type | Grade | Hourly rate (\$) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Clerical | E9/GS8 and below | 12 |
| Professional ... | 01-06/GS9-GS/GM15 | 25 |
| Executive | 07/GS/GM16/ES1 and above | 45 |

(b) *Computer search.* Computer search is based on direct cost of the central processing unit, input-output devices, and money capacity of the actual computer configuration. The salary scale (equating to paragraph a above) for the computer operator/programmer determining how to conduct and subsequently executing the search will be recorded as part of the computer search.

§ 518.91 Duplication.

| Type | Cost per page (cents) |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Pre-Printed material | 02. |
| Office copy | 15. |
| Microfiche | 25. |
| Computer copies (tapes or printouts). | Actual cost of duplicating the tape or printout (includes operator's time and cost of the tape). |

§ 518.92 Review time (in the case of commercial requesters).

| Type | Grade | Hourly rate (\$) |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Clerical | E9/GS8 and below | 12 |
| Professional ... | 01-06/GS9-GS15 | 25 |
| Executive | 07/GS16/ES1 and above | 45 |

§ 518.93 Audiovisual documentary materials.

Search costs are computed as for any other record. Duplication cost is the actual direct cost of reproducing the material, including the wage of the person doing the work. Audiovisual materials provided to a requester need not be in reproducible format or quality. Army audiovisual materials are referred to as "visual information."

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§ 518.94 Other records.

Direct search and duplication cost for any record not described above shall be computed in the manner described for audiovisual documentary material.

§ 518.95 Costs for special services.

Complying with requests for special services is at the discretion of the Components. Neither the FOIA, nor its fee structure cover these kinds of services. Therefore, Components may recover the costs of special services requested by the requester after agreement has been obtained in writing from the requester to pay for one or more of the following services:

(a) Certifying that records are true copies.

(b) Sending records by special methods such as express mail, etc.

COLLECTION OF FEES AND FEE RATES FOR TECHNICAL DATA

§ 518.96 Fees for technical data.

(a) Technical data, other than technical data that discloses critical technology with military or space application, if required to be released under the FOIA, shall be released after the person requesting such technical data pays all reasonable costs attributed to search, duplication and review of the records to be released. Technical data, as used in this Section, means recorded information, regardless of the form or method of the recording of a scientific or technical nature (including computer software documentation). This term does not include computer software, or data incidental to contract administration, such as financial and/or management information. DoD Components shall retain the amounts received by such a release, and it shall be merged with and available for the same purpose and the same time period as the appropriation from which the costs were incurred in complying with request. All reasonable costs as used in this sense are the full costs to the Federal Government of rendering the service, or fair market value of the service, whichever is higher. Fair market value shall be determined in accordance with commercial rates in the local geographical area. In the absence of a